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Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Our check in the amount of \$385.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of December 2003.

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